



June 18, 2008

**WHITE OAK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER  
MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY MEETING NO. 2  
G+P Project # 20719**

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2008  
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Location: White Oak Library

**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

To bring the community up to date on site development, building development, massing and character and to obtain community input.

**ATTENDANCE**

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**I. GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- A. An overview of the project history and design process/timeline was presented by Jeff Bourne of Montgomery County Recreation Department.
- B. Grimm and Parker Architects presented a powerpoint that included site analysis, LEED overview and sustainable features being considered, and concept site and building plan diagrams, building section and massing/exterior character sketch.
- C. J. Bourne fielded community questions after presentation and offered Sue Maher as future contact. S. Maher outlined typical and expected activities that will occur in the Rec Center. She encouraged community members to help her program specific activities and contact potential participating groups for the new Rec Center.

**II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- D. Multi-Purpose Courts (Exterior Site)
  - 1. Courts will be striped for a variety of uses.
  - 2. Skate Spot was added to Program as a result of suggestion from first Community Meeting.
- E. Auxiliary Gym
  - 1. In favor of Auxiliary Gym (exercise/dance classes, quiet activities, etc).
- F. Social Hall
  - 1. Capacity – approximately 200 persons for events.
  - 2. Size – approximately 4000 sf
  - 3. Deck adds to available space for social activities
- G. Payment
  - 1. Cost of new recreation center paid by General Obligation Bonds (part of County financing)
- H. Trails
  - 1. Question was raised if plans have begun to connect this new development with the existing trail near MLK. Answer was given by M-NCPPC representative, Tanya Schmieler, that the trail extension is in the countywide trail plan (down from Old Columbia Pike). The plan needs support for funding.
- I. Security
  - 1. Question was raised if security measures will be undertaken. MCRD's response highlighted that fewer incidents are reported at community centers and that overlapping police patrols from both Parks and County police are expected on site.
- J. Gymnasium Courts
  - 1. Both open and league play will be accommodated in the Gymnasiums. Schedules will vary due to community need and seasons.
- K. Programs
  - 1. Suggestion was made to partner with Access Montgomery TV.
- L. Second story corridor overlooks first floor. Allows visual supervision of second floor from first floor control desk and offices.
- M. Building Location on Site
  - 1. Building orientation and location moved slightly since last meeting to ease back from wooded area and stream buffer to east. Slight compromise of parking spaces resulted.
- N. Estate Properties
  - 1. Some portions of both the Long Term Lease Estate and Life Estate properties are outside of the stream buffer and could be re-purposed as additional development or activity space for the Recreation Center once the land is appropriated in the future.
- O. Access to site by non-automobile users questioned
  - 1. Bus stop at Stewart and April Lanes – less than 1/3 mile from bus stop to building entrance.
  - 2. Concern was raised that the busses serving this site don't currently serve portions of the White Oak Master Plan areas,
  - 3. Concern was raised for senior visitors and statement was made that site location is not pedestrian-friendly (Rte 29 and 650 are both physical and psychological barriers for pedestrians).
  - 4. G+P reiterated that bike racks and showers/changing rooms will be provided to encourage bike-commuting and priority parking will be provided close to building entrance for carpoolers.
  - 5. Suggestion was made to request circulator busses and/or additional trails through Paint Branch. Jeff Bourne suggested that concerns be made to County Council, County Executive and Planning Board.
- P. Additional comments/concerns/questions can be directed to Suzan Maher
  - 1. Email: [suzan.maher@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:suzan.maher@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**Attachments: None**

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